

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A communication subscriber device, comprising:  
2 a subscriber basic unit; and  
3 an audio/speaking unit, detachably interengageable with said  
4 subscriber basic unit, that provides audio and speaking  
5 functionality for said subscriber basic unit.

2. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein a short-range wireless link allows communication between  
3 said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit.

3. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.

4. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station  
3 for said audio/speaking unit.

5. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit  
3 have complementary interfaces for electrically connecting said  
4 subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit together.

6. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.

7. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one  
3 loudspeaker.

8. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one  
3 of:  
4 a hands-free kit, and  
5 a headset.

9. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is rigid.

10. The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim  
2 1 wherein said communication subscriber device is a mobile  
3 telephone.

11. An audio/speaking unit, comprising:

2 a mechanical interface configured to allow said audio/speaking  
3 unit to be detachably interengageable with a subscriber basic unit;  
4 an electrical interface configured to communicate with said  
5 subscriber basic unit; and  
6 a microphone and a loudspeaker coupled to said electrical  
7 interface and configured to provide audio and speaking  
8 functionality for said subscriber basic unit.

12. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said electrical interface comprises a short-range wireless link  
3 that allows communication between said subscriber basic unit and  
4 said audio/speaking unit.

13. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.

14. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said audio/speaking unit derives power from a charging station of  
3 said subscriber basic unit.

15. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.

16. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one  
3 loudspeaker.

17. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one of:  
3 a hands-free kit, and  
4 a headset.

18. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said audio/speaking unit is rigid.

19. The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein  
2 said communication subscriber device is a mobile telephone.